

Fisher Building
3011 West Grand Boulevard
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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Michigan	COUNTY Wayne	TOWN OR VICINITY Detroit
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Fisher Building		HABS NO. MI-309
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 3011 West Grand Boulevard UTM Coordinates: 17.328940.4692700		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1928	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Albert Kahn	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) The Fisher Building is architecturally significant as part of a superbly designed complex which displays some of the finest craftsmanship in any Art Deco style building constructed in the U.S. in the 1920s. It is historically significant for its association with the development of the American automobile industry.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Art Deco		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS)		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) 28-story office tower with two flat-roofed, 11-story wings extending to the north and west to make an L-shaped building.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Projecting piers between strip windows. Tower with stepped-back massing. Tower roof is green tile with gilt cresting. Full architectural articulation on three sides. First 3 stories faced with polished, dark gray granite. Upper floors finished with gray marble. All exterior metalwork on exterior is solid bronze. Entrance on W. Grand Blvd. has bronze		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) and plate glass doors with bronze Richly decorated barrel-vaulted arcades at ground level in each wing intersect at shallow dome, also elaborately decorated. Decorations include murals, marble, bronze grilles, chandeliers. Upper floor walls sheathed with Tennessee golden vein marble, and American walnut used for doors and woodwork.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES In 1961 the Fisher Theater was remodelled and altered from a movie theater to a legitimate stage theater. Remodelling included removal of the original Art Deco decoration.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Good condition; office building		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE Pedestrian skywalks planned to connect the Fisher Building to a new office building are to be funded by an Urban Development Action Grant. Mitigative documentation was required under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966. For further information on the Fisher Building, see the National Register nomination.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) National Register nomination, May 1980		
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